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REFUGEE REPORTS REVEAL RESISTANCE IN HUNGARY AND OZECHOSLOVAKIA

Munich, April -- Reports from refugees, a number of whom very recently crossed the border between Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe and Germany and Austria, confirm that the Satellite regimes in Hungary and Czechoslovakia have recently become more uncertain and their measures more desperate.

In Hungary at present, three secret decrees of the Ministry of the Interior. are being carried out to mobilize the labor force in the rural communities. Agricultural workers under 65 years of age and their families have been registered in a huge card file, and thousands of them have been sent to industry as forced labor to save the Five-Year Plan. The drift toward failure of the plan has evoked bitter criticism on the part of Moscow.

The "mobilization," which is simply a gigant() act of enslavement, has led to a number of tragedies because of the regulation that all children under θ years of age belonging to the registered families are to be sent to children's homes. The distraught parents have had midwives -- the doctors refused -- tattoo letters and symbols on the children in order that they might be recognized.

But despite all terror measures, the Communists appear to be getting nervous, less because of active resistance than because of passive registance on the part of the population. They are reported to be particularly worried over the morale in the Army. Despite all their counterpropaganda, more and more reports are reaching the ears of the Hungarian troops from "unknown nources" which bear a suspicious similarity to the broadcasts of Radio Free Europe in Munich. Little can be done to counteract this, since the soldiers themselves have an opportunity to check what is said about the Red Army's oppression of the people and the Russification of the Hungarian Army. The latter is strongly resisted by the recruits. They become very stupid when it comes to learning the prescribed Russian comments; they "misunderstand" them, mispronounce them, etc.

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In Czechielovakia, too, the regime is beginning to show signs of nervoususes. The erection of slave-later and concentration camps is being pursued at a forced tempo. It is estimated that there are now about 250 of these camps with about 330,000 immates. The military camps especially have increased in masher. Their prisoners formally perform their obligatory service without arms as "technical aid battalions," there being fear as to their reliability. They build barracks, radar stations and airfields, work in the mines, etc. but all under conditions typical of pure slave labor. STAT



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